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Dear Fred,

As you may have heard already, last Friday, we got expression on the first stretch of nucleotides from the Hutch isolate. This is exciting, and we should be in a mood to celebrate the very good progress made in the last few months when you and Genevieve get over here next week.

We should lose no time at all, of course, at evaluating how these antigens now being expressed perform vis-a-vis sera, so that we can make constructs of them which do not contain any fusion proteins (that is the case now). Therefore, could you rush to us, a conversion series of sera from chimps infected with the Hutch strain?

If you get that to us by Wednesday, we should be able to look at a couple Westerns while you are here!

The following is clear: The most promising sequences will be put together in expression vectors designed to only give the non-A non B sequence and these proteins will be sent to you for evaluation.

Looking forward to seeing you next week here at Phage,

Best regards,

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